

ЗАВДАННЯ

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LEVEL I (8 points)

GRAMMAR COMPREHENSION

Task 1. Choose the correct option of the word form. (20 * 0,1 = 2 points)

1. Judy goes to ... on the bus.
a) work b) a work c) the work d) works
2. Peter has two brothers, but he doesn't speak to ... of them.
a) any b) both c) either d) neither
3. The sun in the west.
a) is setting b) has been setting c) sets d) has been set
4. If I see Paul, I him that you were looking for him.
a) tell b) will tell c) am telling d) will be telling
5. Atlanta is the city ... the Olympic Games were held in 1996.
a) that b) when c) where d) which
6. ... countries still have a king or a queen, don't they?
a) Any b) Half c) Part d) Some
7. When we were children, Dad used to us to the park on Saturday afternoons.
a) was taking b) is taking c) took d) take
8. Mr Jones is an uncle of
a) Polly b) Pollys c) Polly's d) Pollys'
9. Let's play football, we?
a) have b) don't c) won't d) shall
10. Are these pictures ... sale?
a) at b) for c) in d) to
11. 11. When the phone rang, I... dinner.
a) cook, b) was cooking, c) had been cooking, d) have been cooking.
12. I am going to leave I have finished writing this letter.
a) while b) by the time c) as soon as d) until
13. she like going to discos?
a) Are b) Do c) Does d) Is
14. We go to the beach August.
a) at b) in c) of d) on
15. By the time Monica arrived, the film
a) has already started b) had already started c) has already been starting d) had already been starting
16. Why do they always play ... music?
a) so terrible b) such terrible c) such a terrible d) so a terrible
17. Her birthday is the 14th April.
a) at b) in c) on d) of
18. Mr. Smith woke up in the middle of the night. He could hear in his garden.
a) anything b) someone c) anybody d) everywhere
19. She hasn't come home
a) still b) already c) yet d) till
20. I won't be able to finish cleaning the house today somebody helps me.
a) if b) because c) when d) unless

Task 2. Fill in correct article if necessary. (20 * 0.1=2 points)

1. Ann was born in ...Italy but she lives in USA now.
2. Tower of London is popular tourist attraction.
3. His favorite newspaper is Guardian.
4. He went on expensive holiday to Bahamas.
5. Odeon cinema is in Appleton Street just past.....library.
6. Last month I saw....film and then we went to..... concert. film was brilliant but....concert was boring.
7. My father owns shop in village where we live.
8. Charles de Gaulle airport is in Paris.
9. I can't playguitar.
10.Alps are very high mountains.

Task 3. For questions 1-10 choose the best word or phrase (a,b,c or d) to fill the gap.. (10 * 0,2 = 2 points)

1. London is city I've ever lived in.
a) the most big b) the bigger c) the biggest d) the more big
2. The police wanted to know exactly how the money stolen from the bank.
a) is b) was c) gets d) did
3. This is computer.
a) David b) David's c) Davids' d) Davids
4. Who did at the party?
a) you saw b) you see c) saw you d) see
5. She for the train at the moment.
a) waits b) wait c) waiting d) is waiting
6. Where?
a) does he work b) he works c) he does work d) works he
7. Don't forget to the light when you go out.
a) turn up b) turn in c) turn off d) turn over
8. Greg is a lot of time at Yvonne's house these days!
a) taking b) spending c) having d) doing
9. I hope this cut on my hand quickly.
a) cures b) heals c) treats d) restores
10. I always milk in my coffee.
a) have b) eat c) cook d) make

Task 4. Fill in the gaps. Use the correct past tense form of the verbs. (10 * 0,2=2 points)

Eric and Ilisa are brother and sister. They (1) _____ (grow) up together in the city that used to be known as West Berlin, in the former West Germany. Eric (2) _____ (move) to the United States decades ago, before the eastern and western parts of both Berlin and Germany were reunited in 1990. Ilisa and her family (3) _____ (visit) Eric and his family last year. Ilisa's family (4) _____ (fly) from Berlin to Detroit for the visit. Although the children (5) _____ (never, meet) before, except through e-mail, the families (6) _____ (have) a great time together. Every day for a week, the adults and the children (7) _____ (play), talking, and eating together. One day, they even (8) _____ (cook) some German recipes that (9) _____ (be) in the family for generations. For years, Ilisa (10) _____ (save) them and treasuring them in a box their mother gave her.

LEVEL II (12 points)
VOCABULARY COMPETENCE

Task 5. Choose the correct option of the word. (20 × 0,2 = 4 points)

1. Brain's room was anplace.
A) amazing B) amazed
2. It doesn't matter. It's of no
A) important B) importance
3. If you want to speak English fluently, you need more English.....
A) practice B) practise
4. It's not easy to operate this machine. We have greatin doing it,
A) difficult B) difficulty
5. It's 30 degrees in the shade. Theis unbearable.
A) hot B) heat
6. I ...too much. I'm going to have a diet.
A) weight B) weigh
7. Did you tell anybody about your ...?
A) lose B) loss
8. How long is it? You should be accurate with the
A) measure B) measurement
9. The police found abody in the river.
A) dead B) died
10. There are several big parks in London ...Hyde Park.
A) beside B) besides
11. The information comes through secret ...
A) canals B) channels
12. The diseasehis mind so that he could not remember what he had done.
A) effected B) affected
13. It isn't veryto leave the lights on when you're not in the room.
A) economic B) economical
14. Do you believe in ...the that all men are equal?
A) principal B) principle
15. He was only three years old when his familyfrom Germany.
A) immigrated B) emigrated
16. The boysthe old barn for use by the club.
A) adapted B) adopted
17. Your explanation is too complicated. Could you..... it?
A) simplify B) simple
18. Our holiday was spoiled by bad
A) weather B) whether
19. Windsor on the Thameswest of London.
A) lies B) lays
20. I have toyou that our business with that company is very important to us.
A) remember B) remind

Task 6. Choose the correct item. (10*0,4 = 4 points)

1. He agreed to give me his car for the weekend on ... that I helped him write his essay.
a) condition b) term c) rule d) decree
2. How can I ... you of her innocence?

- a) convince b) influence c) assume d) prove
3. The discovery of penicillin was a significant medical
a) revolution b) innovation c) novelty d) breakthrough
4. Every ... must take a drug test before the race.
a) contestant b) winner c) opponent d) rival
5. There is a wide ... of options to choose from with something to suit all tastes.
a) degree b) variance c) range d) scale
6. My headmaster made a ... at his retirement party.
a) lecture b) speech c) debate d) talk
7. He inherited his money from a ... relative he had never met.
a) faraway b) remote c) slight d) distant
8. He stood on the ... of the ship and watched the seagulls.
a) floor b) ground c) deck d) platform
9. His voice was barely ... above the loud music.
a) listened b) loud c) clear d) audible
10. Mrs. Robinson ... great pride in her cooking.
a) gets b) finds c) has d) takes

READING COMPREHENSION

Task 7. Read the text below and choose the most appropriate word from the list (A –M) for each gap. There are two extra words that you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0). Example: __ (0) __B (10*0,4=4 points)

The world's great long (0) __B__ rail journeys can be an adventure in themselves. On these journeys, (1) __ marks the end rather than the (2) __ of the adventure. One example is the Trans-Siberian (3) __. It stretches from Moscow in the west, all the way to the (4) __ coast of China and can take up to ten days. During these ten days the (5) __ feels he has gained first-hand (6) __ of a vast continent. There is also the (7) __ of spending the night in a hotel somewhere along the route and catching the next train as it passes through. Part of the (8) __ is not only the (9) __ but also the local people, who greet the train as their only (10) __ with the rest of the world as it brings in supplies and mail.

A fascination	D possible	G eastern	J connect	M possibility
B distance	E connection	H traveler	K scenery	
C beginning	F railway	I knowledge	L arrival	

LEVEL III (10 points)

Task 8. Read the text. Decide if the statements 1–10 are true (T) or false (F). (10×0,5=5 points)

Martin's Trip from London to Avignon by Car.

I left at six. It was still dark when I put my suitcase in the car and drove off. It was fast and easy to go through London because it was Saturday so there was no rush hour traffic. Soon I was on the highway heading toward Folkestone on the south coast. I stopped at the gas station for a cup of coffee and a sandwich. I didn't buy any gas because it's much cheaper in France.

I arrived at Folkestone at 8.10. The problem with travelling by car from England to France is that Britain is an island. There 35 kilometres of water between England and France. You can get across it by ferry, but there's much better and quicker way – the Channel Tunnel.

The Channel Tunnel is only a train tunnel, not a road tunnel, and so you have to put your car on a train. The trip takes an hour and a half, and drivers have to sit in their cars because there are

no seats on the train for passengers. I arrived at the terminal and joined the line of cars waiting for the next train.

At 10:30 the train arrived in Calais and I drove my car off the train and onto the road – a French road. It was nice to drive on the right again, although that was not so easy with an English car.

The traffic in Calais was really bad. Finally I got out of Calais and onto the highway to the south of France. The speed limit on French highways is 130 kilometres an hour and the road was clear, so now I could travel quickly. But first I stopped at a gas station to fill up. Gas is cheaper in France than in Britain but, on the other hand, you have to pay to travel on French highways. In Britain they are free.

It's 960 kilometres from Calais to Avignon, and the trip on the highway was boring. I listened to my favourite music to pass the time and I stopped again for lunch. At eight o'clock I finally arrived in Avignon. I found my hotel and I was looking forward to a delicious French meal.

1. There is a lot of traffic in London on Saturday mornings.
2. Gas is more expensive in Britain than in France.
3. There are two ways to cross the English Channel by car.
4. You can't drive through the Channel Tunnel.
5. The trip through the tunnel takes an hour.
6. Drivers must sit in their car when they go through the tunnel.
7. The speed limit on French highways is 120 km/h.
8. French highways aren't free.
9. It's 970 kilometers from Calais to Avignon.
10. You can't stop for lunch on the highway.

WRITING

Task 9. Write an essay on the topic «Proud to be a Ukrainian». Give your considerations (80-100 words) on the point. (5 points)

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GRAMMAR COMPETENCE

Task 1. Choose the correct item. (Score 10× 0,2 = 2 points)

1. Ian _____ a shower at the moment, so could you call back in about half an hour?
A takes B is taking C has taken D has been taking
2. You need a passport to cross the _____ between Mexico and the United States.
A edge B line C border D rim
3. I've always dreamt _____ China.
A to visit B of visiting C I visit D visit
4. John seems keen _____ how to drive as soon as he can.
A of learning B he learn C for learn D to learn
5. 'Why were you so tired yesterday?' 'Because I _____ all morning.'
A jog B was jogged C had been jogging D had been jogged
6. The _____ in the stadium all cheered the athletes.
A viewers B witnesses C spectators D onlookers
7. This time next week, we _____ the chemistry exam.
A have finished B have been finishing C will have finished D will have been finishing
8. Do you know who _____ the fact that sound travels in waves?
A invented B developed C discovered D found
9. It's not always easy to _____ the difference between fact and opinion.
A make B do C say D tell
10. If I _____ the lottery, I'd give some of the money to each member of my family.
A won B have won C will win D win

Task 2. Underline the correct alternatives in the following sentences. (Score 10× 0,2 = 2 points)

1. *Do you practise / Are you practicing* the piano for two hours every day?
2. Can songs be sung *by / with* people in the crowd, too?
3. A prize is going to *be / have* given to the person in the best fancy dress.
4. We need new furniture in the dining room. *It's / They're* very old scratched.
5. Don't lend any money *on / to* George because you'll never get it back.
6. Look inside the wallet and maybe we can find out who it belongs *in / to*.
7. Do you know who *discovered / invented* the planet Mars?
8. I'm using a computer *research / programme* that translates from English into Greek.
9. I'm sorry but you *can't / couldn't* leave your car there.
10. Is it *illegal / familiar* to drive without wearing a seatbelt?

Task 3. Put the verbs in brackets into the appropriate forms. (Score 10× 0,2 = 2 points)

1. It's the first time _____ (**I / ever / eat**) octopus!
2. 'Whose is this plane ticket on the floor?' 'Oh, it _____ (**belong**) to me. Thank you.'
3. I _____ (**do**) my homework as soon as I got home from school.
4. I _____ (**cook**) dinner by the time you get home.
5. We _____ (**not / stand**) by the side of the road at the moment trying to get a lift if _____ (**we / bring**) a spare tyre with us.
6. Poor Tracy! She _____ (**write**) that essay for hours now and she still hasn't finished!
7. The old man _____ (**appear**) to be very tired and he slowly sat down.
8. Tomorrow Elaine _____ (**work**) on the project for ten days.
9. If I had a video recorder, I _____ (**record**) the match last night.
10. When we shared a room, Zoe _____ (**always / take**) my things. It was so annoying!

Task 4. Complete using the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in the box. (Score 10× 0,2 = 2 points)

<i>answer</i>	<i>continue</i>	<i>go</i>	<i>open</i>	<i>put</i>	<i>ring</i>	<i>say</i>	<i>shine</i>	<i>sing</i>	<i>wake</i>
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Amber's Big Match

One morning, Amber got up early. The sun (1) _____ and the birds (2) _____. Amber was very excited because it was the big tennis match. Amber (3) _____ downstairs and into the kitchen, where her father was having breakfast. 'Morning, Amber. Today's the day!' he (4) _____. Amber smiled nervously. 'Don't worry!' he (5) _____. 'You'll be fine'. Amber (6) _____ some toast in the toaster and (7) _____ the fridge. Just as she (8) _____ the butter out, the phone (9) _____. Her father (10) _____ it. After a few minutes, he put the phone down. 'Bad news, I'm afraid. The other player was practicing yesterday when she had an accident. The match is off'. Amber ate her toast slowly. She was surprised she didn't feel disappointed.

LEVEL II
VOCABULARY COMPETENCE
(12 points)

Task 1. Choose the option that best completes the sentences below (Score 20×0,2 = 4 points):

1) However, if there are problems evident in this _____ of life, then it has a tremendously disturbing affect upon them.

a) area b) sector c) context

2) In order to _____ parents today, it is necessary to make schools feel like open and friendly places.

a) involve b) embroil c) entangle

3) It _____ my heart to sell my car but it's become too unreliable.

a) breaks b) disrupts c) interrupts

4) I _____ the essays over the weekend — here are the pie charts of my marks on the 71 essays.

a) checked b) marked c) evaluated

5) The astronauts have examined Endeavour's windows and reported to _____ control there's no launch-related clouding or damage.

a) task b) assignment c) mission

6) Studies show that when people are allowed to _____ mistakes, they are significantly less likely to actually make them.

a) do b) make c) commit

7) I thanked him and went inside, he _____ the horn and drove off.

a) blew b) pushed c) touted

8) Many factors led to the _____ tensions that eventually led to the global conflict.

a) increased b) grown c) lifted

9) The executive _____ said she was proud of the service's achievements and was excited about the future.

a) leader b) head c) manager

10) The fortress was _____ in 1329 under Robert of Anjou and completed in 1343, the year of his death.

a) started b) launched c) initiated

11) The Stag Ballroom offers an _____ setting for traditional Scottish wedding receptions and it boasts plenty of room for dancing.

a) atmospheric b) spacious c) vast

12) Now I fully understand that not everyone likes to _____ camping.

a) come b) walk c) go

13) These hunters were instrumental in alerting the local Ministry of Natural Resources about the _____ weather conditions.

a) weird b) freak c) odd

14) Employer-paid premiums on amounts of life insurance in excess of \$50000 already are taxed, making them unique among fringe _____.

a) benefits b) profits c) perks

15) When people feel so self-conscious and anxious that it _____ them from speaking up or socializing most of the time.

a) impedes b) prevents c) hampers

16) Cigarette and tobacco advertising was _____ from the UK television in 1965. **a) banned b) forbidden c) sanctioned**

17) The Lamine River is a signature _____ of the area meandering through bottomlands of forest, crop fields, old fields and small wetlands.

a) trait b) feature c) attribute

18) A leading Vancouver clean tech company helps one of the city's _____ buildings reduce energy consumption and go green.

a) landmark b) benchmark c) yardstick

19) The Department of Chemistry offers a _____ atmosphere to students and faculty to nurture the spirit of scientific inquiry.

a) vibrant b) bustling c) hectic

20) His music is _____ of the folk-rock scene of the late 60s and early 70s.

a) *reminiscent* b) *evocative* c) *associative*.

Task 2. Choose the correct option. (Score 8×0,5= 4 points)

1. It was a rough ... and a lot of people on the ferry were seasick.

a) travel b) voyage c) trip d) crossing

2. Her diamond necklace ... in the sunlight.

a) polished b) sparkled c) brightened d) lightened

3. Losing weight is a great way to ... your confidence.

a) boost b) push c) shape d) foster

4. I was thinking of going out tonight, but on ... thoughts, it might be better to stay in.

a) stronger b) second c) better d) deeper

5. John's face was ... when he heard he had won first prize.

a) glistening b) glaring c) beaming d) flashing

6. The road was very ... as a result of the overnight frost.

a) slippery b) slick c) slimy d) greasy

7. I hardly ever see my best friend any more, we're slowly ... apart.

a) drifting b) diving c) wandering d) roving

8. The notion of organ transplant ... most people.

a) avoids b) warns c) repels d) rebukes

Task 3. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. (Score 8×0,5= 4 points):

Paul Bunyan

Long ago, the people who settled in undeveloped areas in America first told tall tales. After a hard day's work, people gathered to tell each other funny stories. Each group of workers had its own tall tale hero. Paul Bunyan was a hero of North America's lumberjacks, the workers who cut down trees. He was known for his strength, speed and skill.

Many years ago, Paul Bunyan was born in the northeastern American state of Maine. His mother and father were shocked when they first saw the boy. Paul was so large at birth that five large birds had to carry him to his parents. When the boy was only a few weeks old, he weighed more than forty-five kilograms. As a child, Paul was always hungry. His parents needed ten cows to supply milk for his meals. Before long, he ate fifty eggs and ten containers of potatoes every day. Once, Paul rolled over so much in his sleep that he caused an earthquake. This angered people in the town where his parents lived. So, the government told his mother and father they would have to move him somewhere else. So his parents took him into the woods. This is where he grew up.

As a boy, Paul helped his father cut down trees. Paul had the strength of many men. In those days, much of North America was filled with thick, green forests. Paul Bunyan could clear large wooded areas with a single stroke of his large, sharp axe.

In time, Paul moved west to look for work in other forests. Along the way, Paul dug out the Great Lakes to provide drinking water for his ox, that traveled with him. They settled in a camp near the Onion River in the state of Minnesota.

Paul's camp was the largest in the country. The camp was so large that a man had to have one week's supply of food when walking from one side of the camp to the other.

Paul decided to get other lumberjacks to help with the work. His work crew became known as the Seven Axemen. Each man was more than two meters tall and weighed more than one-hundred-sixty kilograms. All of the Axemen were named Elmer. That way, they all came running whenever Paul called them.

Whatever happened to Paul Bunyan? There are lots of stories. Some people say he was last seen in Alaska, or even the Arctic Circle. Another tradition says he still returns to Minnesota every summer. It says Paul moves in and out of the woods, so few people ever know that he is there.

1. Who made up a story about Paul Bunyan?

A. An anonymous author.

B. Woodcutters.

- C. Tired workers.
- D. American immigrants.

2. Maine is:

- A. A state in the northeast of America.
- B. An imaginary country.
- C. A city in America.
- D. A part of an American state.

3. Paul Bunyan's parents were at first shocked because of his:

- A. Appearance.
- B. Strength
- C. Speed
- D. Size

4. Paul was moved away from the town because:

- A. he ate a lot.
- B. people didn't like him.
- C. he caused a natural disaster.
- D. his parents wanted to get rid of him.

5. From the town he was taken to:

- A. the forest
- B. Minnesota
- C. the North of America
- D. the lake.

6. Why did Paul go west?

- A. There were no woods in Maine.
- B. He wanted to find another job.
- C. He wanted to find the lakes.
- D. He wanted to work in some other place.

7. Why did Paul dig out the Great Lakes?

- A. People asked for drinking water.
- B. He wanted his pet companion to be watered.
- C. He was very strong.
- D. He wanted to drink.

8. Who were the Seven Axemen?

- A. People from his home-land, who helped Paul.
- B. Strong men who lived near the Onion river.
- C. Strong woodcutters who helped Paul.
- D. The people who settled in undeveloped areas.

LEVEL III

READING AND WRITING COMPETENCE (10 points)

Task 1. You are going to read a newspaper article about kickboxing. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A – G the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0). (Score 5 points)

Kickboxing

Kickboxing is not a glamorous sport. Its coverage is confined mainly to late-night cable TV, and its venues tend to be dingy sports halls with spartan facilities. **0 (..E..)**

Kickboxing is, however, a respectable martial art and most kickboxers are well-balanced, dedicated athletes. **1 (.....)** Kickboxing badly needs someone to revamp its image and the first who should be signed up is Catherine Brown.

2 (.....) With her girlish smile and pixie features, pink skin and hair scraped back in a ponytail, Ms Brown could pass for seventeen but has just turned twenty-four. Even her hands, which are long and slim, seem unsuited to boxing. But despite her size (she is only 153 cm), Ms Brown has a kick that could break a bank door. Which is just as well, because tonight in Hastings she will fight Lorna Histed, the reigning champ, for the British Women's Kickboxing title? If it goes the full distance, the fight will last four 90-second rounds.

Kickboxing is a semi-contact sport; points are scored for accuracy rather than damage inflicted. **3 (.....)** There is no kicking below the knee, but thighs and ribs take a pounding. Contestants have to "pull" their punches and kicks to ensure that opponents are not seriously hurt: any disabling blow will get the aggressor disqualified.

Since there are no weight categories in women's kickboxing, nearly all Ms Brown's opponents enjoy a clear advantage over her in size. "In a semi-contact sport," she explains, "that shouldn't really matter. But it does, because if you're smaller you have to get in close, and they can push you, lean on you, use weight to their advantage." **4 (.....)** "I've always had an aggressive streak. I don't know why. All the women in my family wear flowery dresses, but I'm more like one of the boys."

When training she prefers to spar with men, because the girls moan that she is too heavy-handed, that she hurts them. When I told her about it, she said 'I thought you'd grown out of that tomboy stage'. Her first fight, against a woman some 40 pounds heavier, left her unable to train for several weeks.

Ms Brown's parents won't be going to her title fight. "I don't think my family understands how important this fight is. My mum thinks it's just another silly scrap. **5 (.....)** I don't think she even watches the videos of the fights I send her, though my dad does."

A. She is just what her sport requires; young, smart and attractive, a natural athlete with an open, earthy personality.

B. Unfortunately, a small number of them are heavily tattooed and their outfits can be off-putting.

C. But when the bell rings, she transfers all that adrenalin into controlled mental power.

D. But she has a bonus in her personality.

E. Tucked away in this corner of broadcasting, it seems somehow illicit, just a few rungs up the ladder from arm-wrestling and pit-bull fighting.

F. Punches and kicks to the face are banned, although blows to the forehead are allowed.

G. Sometimes, though, she gets injured too.

Task 2. Write the composition (Score 5 points)

Man and women should be equal partners in marriage. Agree or disagree with the statement. Try to prove your opinion.

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Task 1. For questions 1-10 choose the best word or phrase (a, b, c or d) to fill the gap.
(Score 10×0,2= 2 points)

- 1 Look at my family. This is _____ photograph.
a) there b) them c) their d) they're
- 2 'Whose is this train ticket on the floor? - 'Oh, it ___ to me. Thank you.
a) is belonging b) belongs c) has belonged d) belonged
- 3 I am really tired of travelling so much'. 'I thought you _____ a bit quiet'.
a) were seeming b) have seemed c) have been seeming d) seemed
- 4 '_____ to Australia, Ginny?' 'No, I haven't.'
a) Did you ever go b) Will you ever go c) Are you ever going d) Have you ever been
- 5 I was wondering _____ tell me when the next plane from Chicago arrives?
a) could you b) can you c) if you could d) please
- 6 Could you tell me _____?
a) where is the manager b) the manager is where c) where the manager is d) about where is the manager
- 7 Three people were captured at the _____ today trying to get into the country.
a) line b) equator c) border d) edge
- 8 Could you _____ me that book for a couple of days, please?
a) lend b) owe c) borrow d) rent
- 9 Greg is _____ a lot of time at Yvonne's house these days!
a) taking b) spending c) having d) doing
- 10 After the film was released, the main _____ point was its excessive use of violence.
a) discussion b) speaking c) conversation d) talking.

Task 2. Underline the correct alternatives in the following sentences. (Score 10×0,2= 2 points)

1. *Do you practise / Are you practising* the piano for two hours every day?
2. Can songs be sung *by / with* people in the crowd, too?
3. A prize is going to *be / have* given to the person in the best fancy dress.
4. We need new furniture in the dining room. *It's / They're* very old scratched.
5. Don't lend any money *on / to* George because you'll never get it back.
6. Look inside the wallet and maybe we can find out who it belongs *in / to*.
7. Do you know who *discovered / invented* the planet Mars?
8. I'm using a computer *research / programme* that translates from English into Greek.
9. I'm sorry but you *can't / couldn't* leave your car there.
10. Is it *illegal / familiar* to drive without wearing a seatbelt?

Task 3. Read the text below and complete each blank with one word. All missing words are auxiliary verbs (is, was, have, has, had, do, does, did etc.). (Score 10×0,2= 2 points)

My life (1)_____ improved a lot since last year. You see, before that I (2)_____ been working in the same job for five years and I (3)_____ beginning to feel rather bored. I (4)_____ getting ready to apply for another job when one day my boss called me into her office. "Our company (5)_____ planning to expand overseas," she said. "We (6)_____ thinking of starting with Spain, therefore we will (7)_____ needing some of our best employees to support our new branch there. (8)_____ you think you would be interested in a transfer?" Naturally I accepted, although at the time I (9)_____ not know that they (10)_____ also going to promote me to assistant manager.

Task 4. For questions 1-10, read the text below and choose the most appropriate word from the list (A –M) for each gap. There are two extra words that you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0). Example: _(0)_ B. (Score 10×0,2= 2 points)

Computers, and more (0) *_specifically_*, the internet - tools for (1) __ communication - have (2) _____ the face of society worldwide. This era, known as 'The Information Age,' pushed the development of the Information Superhighway ensuring the fastest access to information all over the globe. However, developing (3) ____ and minority groups have been overlooked. The World Wide Web

has mainly been adapted in wealthy, developed countries, such as the United States and Britain, who tend to (4) _____ the net. As a result, English has become the main language on the web and most sites (5) _____ the more educated, upper-class groups. Thus, developing countries are either excluded from the benefits of the internet (6) _____ to the language barrier, or for various reasons, such as a lack of access to computers.

There are barriers (7) ____ people from developing countries access to information. These barriers include: the language problem, lack of computer systems, lack of education and geographic (8) _____.

As a result of the (9) ____ in developing areas, not many computer systems exist. Even if computers are available, problems still arise. In Africa, for instance, "there is a lack of local repair facilities.... One survey in Tanzania found only 55 percent of computers brought in by donor groups could be serviced locally." (Wresch, W. 1996: 216) This is one of the major 25 (10) _____ preventing these developing areas from joining the information superhighway.

A poverty D global G target J dominate

B specifically E changed H perception K isolation

C obstacles F areas I owing L preventing

M establishing

LEVEL II
VOCABULARY COMPETEBCE
(12 points)

Task 1. Choose the option that best completes the sentences. (Score $8 \times 0.5 = 4$ points)

1. He is a very gentle man, so his violent ... surprised everybody.
a) outbreak b) outburst c) outcome d) output
2. The operation left him with a small ... on his left cheek.
a) line b) graze c) injury d) scar
3. His ability to ... a challenge made him the perfect candidate to head up the new sales division.
a) control b) handle c) run d) order
4. He is considered to be a ... authority on modern art.
a) leading b) first c) premier d) main
5. It's the government's responsibility to ... for the sick.
a) care b) treat c) guard d) cure
6. Business is ... in the convenience food industry.
a) blowing b) booming c) bustling d) bursting
7. Keep everything on disc. That way if the computer ... you won't lose all your work.
a) sticks b) crashes c) smashes d) stumps
8. Very few relationships nowadays stand the ... of time.
a) trial b) judgement c) test d) check

Task 2. Unscramble the words below to make sentences. (Score $10 \times 0.4 = 4$ points)

1. I'd / thought / nervous! / the / get / interview; / I / I / through/ was / never / so
2. and / I / My / messed / brother / trouble. / always / so / in /much, / we / around / were
3. languages / studied / at / university. / I / then / on / college /went / English / study / at / to
4. when / get / difficult / distractions. / to / to / work / so / many/ are / down / It's / there
5. very / college / well / at / got / because / She / worked / her /she / on / homework. / hard / and / did
6. is / keen / ahead / to / course. / get / really / taking / an / and /Callum / is / extra
7. so / to / itchy / is / that / I / wait / My / off. / uniform / can't /take / it
8. try / I / these / fit? / make / Can / jeans / to / sure / on, / they
9. a / got / so / I've / tonight / I'm / to / up. / date / dress / going
10. the / weekend / I / can / love / down. / be / I / myself / because/ and / dress

Task 3. . Read the text below and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to fit each gap. (Score $10 \times 0.4 = 4$ points)

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for our health, but did you know that eating some kinds of health foods could be just as bad for you?

Michel Simon, who (1).... the Centre for Informed Food Choices in the USA, says there are sugary sports drinks that are as unhealthy as cola. "These drinks may be (2) for marathon runners, but for kids doing ordinary exercise, they may end up doing more (3) ... than good." Breakfast cereals, which of course are very (4) with kids, have also been criticised. Whilst they are often high in fibre, some of them (5) a lot more sugar and salt than you would expect. In addition, some of the foods we have (6) ... to know as 'health snacks' have also been added to the black (7) ... Although they look and sound nutritious, in most (8) ... they are much tastier than they are healthy for you. For example, some types of dried fruit were (9) to have more fat and sugar than the fruit they were (10) from.

- 1 A arranged B invented C constructed D founded
- 2 A precious B worthy C beneficial D valuable
- 3 A loss B injury C harm D damage
- 4 A common B known C popular D famous
- 5 A involve B contain C consist D include
- 6 A come B started C Brought D arrived
- 7 A guide B account C column D list
- 8 A cases B purposes C occasions D situations
- 9 A searched B found C discovered D realized
- 10 A produced B created C formed D developed

LEVEL III
READING AND WRITING COMPETENCE
(10 points)

Task 1. Read the text about a government scheme to keep people healthy. Choose true or false. (Score 5 points)

HEALTH

Local governments have had to take on a new responsibility; that of ensuring that people stay fit and healthy. Birmingham council is already hot on the case. For the past few years they have been encouraging local residents to enrol on the *Be active* scheme, which allows them to use local leisure services completely free of charge.

Participants must register to obtain a membership card. They can then use the facilities in leisure centres across the city at certain times of the day.

29 leisure centres are signed up to the scheme. Each leisure centre must offer a minimum of one hour of swimming time and an hour of gym time to *Be Active* members. In reality, in some establishments in the more deprived areas, 70% of opening hours are reserved for *Be Active* members. Exercise classes and badminton courts are also made available on top of the standard facilities. *Be Active* classes are also being provided in schools and community centres. There are guided bike rides, and even proposals to roll out activities in public spaces such as rounders games in parks, and buggy pushes for new mothers.

Since it was launched in 2008, a third of the local population, a total of 360,000 people, has signed up for the scheme. 60% of these are from minority groups, and the average age is 49, as opposed to 29, the figure for private gyms. The majority were not previously members of a sports club of any kind, half were overweight or obese, and a fifth considered themselves to be in poor health, indicating that the scheme is reaching the people who need it most. Research also shows that since the scheme was set up, there has been a rise in demand for information about reducing alcohol intake and quitting smoking.

Statistics show that for every £1 spent on the *Be Active* scheme, £23 is saved in the health service. Sadly, the scheme has suffered from budget cuts, and lately it has had to reduce the hours available to members. Nonetheless, other councils are interested in the great strides made by Birmingham council, and officials from Birmingham have been holding workshops with representatives from other councils to spread the word about what can be achieved.

Source: Trigg, N. (2013) Can free leisure services get people fit? *BBC News*
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-22350807>

- 1. The Be Active scheme started up earlier this year.*
- 2. Everyone in Birmingham is eligible for Be Active.*
- 3. Participants must pay a one-off fee to register.*
- 4. Participants can use the leisure facilities at any time of day.*
- 5. Participants can use their Be Active membership cards at any sports centre in Birmingham.*
- 6. Participants can only use the leisure facilities for two hours per week.*
- 7. Some sports centres dedicate over half their opening hours to Be Active members.*
- 8. Some Be Active activities take place outside leisure centres.*
- 9. The Be Active scheme was not as popular as the council hoped.*
- 10. Less money is available for Be Active now than in the past.*

Task 2. Write an essay (150 words). (Score 5 points)

What can we do to protect the environment in our everyday lives?